AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims, please amend claim 6, 7 and 8 as follows:

- 1-5. (canceled)
- 6. (previously presented) A monomer for forming a polymer having the general structure:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & H-N-R' \\ & | \\ (CH_2)_c & H \\ R-N-(CH_2)_a-N^+-(CH_2)_b-N-R \\ & | \\ A & X^- \end{array}$$

wherein:

R is selected from the group consisting of an orthogonal protecting group and hydrogen;

R' is selected from the group consisting of an orthogonal protecting group, targeting group, reporter molecule and hydrogen;

A is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl group;

a is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, and 4;

b is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, and 4;

c is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, and 4;

X is a monovalent ion.

7. (previously presented) A monomer for forming a polymer deliverable to a cell having the general structure:

wherein

R is selected from the group consisting of a protecting group and hydrogen; R' is selected from the group consisting of vinyl, acrylate, methacrylate,

acrylamide, methaacrylamide, and a targeting group;

A is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl group;

a is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, and 4;

b is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, and 4;

c is selected from the group consisting of 4 to 24;

X is a monovalent ion.

8. (currently amended) A process for condensing a nucleic acid comprising polymerizing a monomer for forming a polymer in the presence of a template polymer having the general structure:

in the presence of the nucleic acid wherein

R is selected from the group consisting of vinyl, acrylate, methacrylate, acrylamide, or methacrylamide;

A1, A2 and A3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl group;

a is selected from the group consisting of 1,2,3 and 4;

y is selected from the group consisting of 4 to 24; and,

X is a monovalent ion; and,

the template polymer is selected from the list consisting of pharmaceutical, protein, peptide, and nucleic acid.

9-10. (canceled)